

## **Aldersgate United Methodist Leadership Team Meeting October 16, 2018**

Leah Matthews welcomed everyone and began the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

### **Leadership Team and Staff Members Present:**

Leah Matthews, Dennis Perry, Cheryl Bratten, Becky Connell, Sarah Lynn Mertins, Richard Bass, Mark and Shari VanBuren, Paul Amos, Charlotte Rexroad, Michelle Matthews, Carrie Henderson, Mark Husband, and Terri Phillips.

Emily Moore-Diamond, Christian Burnette, Harry Evans, Travis Gianchetta, and Frank Kyle were unable to attend.

### **I. April Meeting Minutes**

Leah reminded the team that the September 18, 2018 meeting minutes were available on Realm and the Aldersgate web site. No comments or edits were noted.

### **II. Updates**

Dennis gave an update on Emily's medical status. Emily continues to heal from her fall and concussion, but will need a bit more time away. She worked with the doctors and Dennis on a plan to return to work for limited hours the week of October 22, preach October 27/28, and will return to full time work as able the week of October 29.

#### **Stewardship Campaign**

- Richard handed out the materials that have been prepared and proofed by the Stewardship team for final review. Minor changes were noted.
- Becky will work with a team to get the materials in the mail by the end of this week.
- Terri outlined the process for compiling the information from the returned volunteer cards. The group structure in Realm has been set up following the information on the volunteer sheet. As the sheets are returned, volunteer names will be added to the appropriate group as Prospect. Once the volunteer sheets have been put into the database a prospect list will be sent to the leaders with contact information, and the leaders will be responsible for contacting the volunteer prospects. We will determine how best to train the volunteers – all at one time or by individual area – at our next meeting.
- Becky outlined information for the Ministry Fair that will be held on November 11.
  - o Becky will need to know which groups will host a table to ensure proper setup.
  - o Volunteers will need to be at the tables 9:15 to 12:30pm.
  - o The pastors will encourage folks to go to each area after the service.
  - o Becky is working with Elaine on a "Treasure Hunt" for the kids with a gift at the end.
- Ministry Fair setup and table leaders
  - o Richard and Steve will be the leaders for setup and questions on November 11.
  - o Paul Amos – Worship on Sunday & Saturday Evening
  - o Sarah Lynn Mertins – Mission areas
  - o Education – Van Burens
  - o Terri – Realm/Online Giving table

## Financials

- Cheryl reminded the team we are still trending for a larger deficit than we projected.
- We will continue to monitor the situation as we move into our largest giving months.

## Kingstowne update:

- Kingstowne is doing very well. They are seeing numbers in the 90's on multiple Sunday.
- Pop up services are a hit and this weekend Kingstowne will worship in the Park with Apple Cider.
- There have been many new members and a few baptisms in the past few weeks.

## Simples Supper Service Study

- o Attendance has been around 35 people each week
- o Good conversations around the tables.
- o We will continue through the end of the campaign and not host it during December as it is a busy time for everyone.
- o We plan to start it again in January and base the conversation around the CWS Theme

### **III. Upcoming events:**

- November 18 – Gospel Mass and will be amazing
- December 16 – Service Sunday Children's Choirs, Handbells, & Choirs will all be participating
- December 24 – Christmas Eve Services – 1, 3, 5, 7, & 9. Dennis stated the 11pm service has hovered around 100 in attendance for several years. He asked the team whether they felt it worth continuing based on the number with the volunteers needed? After much discussion, the Leadership Team decided to not have an 11pm this year and evaluate the response and impact.

### **IV. Additional Note**

The Pastor Preference information was sent to churches yesterday. We will begin our discussions at the November meeting.

Dennis closed us with prayer at 805pm.

Submitted by,

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